



彼の目は青い。
 時に、雲が彼の海に染めていく時は
 マリンスノーを彷彿させて
 心の奥から承えてくる。
 そこが天賦能力である。

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ひかる

全日本ジュニア
の前哨戦

神奈川ジュニア決勝戦 2-1

荒谷に破れ、惜しくも準優勝。

惜し涙を流したエーちゃんだが
落ち込んでるとマはない!

次なる戦い

「関東ジュニア」は
目前!!

関東
ジュニア

1年7月を勝ち抜いた関東の
強豪64名によるトーナメント。
その中から16名が
全日本ジュニアの出場権を得る。

藤波江一郎

井出・新明

岡田・隆行

「関東ジュニア」では
残されたわずかな時間は、
強豪・藤波江一郎を見据えた
実践練習あるのみ!!

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人物紹介



ナツ

鷹崎
奈津

STC所属。プロ志望で、先日の神奈川ジュニアでは2回
優勝。藤波江一郎とエーちゃんとは同じ練習生で、それ
が互いの練習生。エーちゃんの一番身近にいる女の子。



エーちゃん

丸尾
栄一郎

STC所属。「次の全日本ジュ
ニアで優勝、そしてプロへ」
が夢。そこで優勝できなけ
ればプロを諦めるという条件
付きで、テニス最優秀の生活
を送っている。同じ
夢を持つナツは心の
友。そして依然
友達以上恋人未満。



青井
コーチ

STCでの
エーちゃんのコーチ
。プロ志望という条件
に挑みかけたエーちゃん
に、エーちゃんをマダート。



清水
亜希



佐々木
雄子



影山
小次郎

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to Giant Strides



WELL...
OF
COURSE.



HUH...?

DO YOU...
LIKE TENNIS?

#132 PREPPING FOR SUMMER



EH...?
AH...
WAS IT?



YOU SEEMED
TO BE HAVING
SO MUCH FUN
WHEN I SAW
YOU DO...



W-
WWW?

AH...

I'M SORRY...
THAT WAS
A STUPID
QUESTION...



I FEEL IT'D
BE REALLY FUN
IF YOU'RE THAT
STRONG...

BUT, DON'T
YOU LIKE IT,
TOO?



PLAYING
ON THE
COURT
WAS MY
LIFE...

NO...
IT'S NOT
LIKE I
HATE IT...

IT'S JUST...
MY MOM HAS
BEEN MY COACH
FOR SO LONG, AND
I CAN REMEM-
BER...



YOU SEE...
I'M NOT
REALLY
SURE.

HUH?



SO ALL I'VE
DONE WAS
TENNIS...



IT'S
ALMOST
TIME!

ARE YOU
WERE HERE?

MOM.









WAS I... TOO
STRANGE
JUST NOW?







OR...

AM I REALLY
OKAY WITH
THIS "HAPPY-
NESS"?

















TO ME, IT'S
NOT A MATTER
OF LIKE OR DIS-
LIKE ANYMORE.

WHAT DO
YOU MEANT?



HONESTLY, I
DON'T THINK
I CAN EX-
PRESS IT IN
JUST ONE
WORD.

CAUSE IF
YOU'VE BEEN
PLAYING EVER
SINCE YOU
WERE A KID,
THERE ARE
TIMES WHEN
IT'S TOUGH,

AND I'VE
HAD TIMES
WHEN I
WANTED
TO QUIT.

I SEE.



EVEN THOUGH
HE WAS SAYING
"I'LL GIVE UP
ON DOING THIS"
JUST LAST
YEAR.

HEARING
THAT FROM YOUR
TENNIS-ORIENTED
BODY SOUNDS SO
CONVINCING.



IT'S LIKE
MY FLESH
AND BLOOD.

IT FEELS LIKE
IT'S BECOME A
BIG PART OF
WHO I AM.



I SEE...



I THINK IT'S
OKAY TO SAY
WE LIKE IT.

BUT WELL, FOR
US WHO'VE BEEN
CONTINUING ON
THIS FOR AWHILE,





I THOROUGHLY
MASTERED EVERY
TASK I CLEARED.

BY TACKLING
MY REVERENDING
SO-SO LEFT ONE
BY ONE,

LEFT-HANDER
COUNTERHEADINGS,
CHANGE-OF-FACE,
AND PRESENT CON-
TROL...



I WAS
ABLE TO FEEL
MY HEART AND
BODY LIVING
UP AS I MOVED
CLOSER AND
CLOSER TO THE
FATED MATCHES.

AND
BY FIGHTING
WITH OTHERS, I
CRAFTED THOSE
SKILLS INTO
WEAPONS.



AND
FINALLY,
JULY'S
HERE.



AH,
ANIKI!!

WHAT'S
WRONG,
EVERY-
BODY?



HELLO
THERE.



THE PAIRING BOX
FOR THE KANTO
JUNIOR FINALLY
ARRIVED!



IT'S FINALLY...
HERE!!

Prayer Prayer Prayer



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#133 REMATCH

ANKI! BRACKETS
FOR THE KANTO
JUNIOR WERE
DECIDED.

WHATT!

KANTO
JUNIOR TENNIS
TOURNAMENT:

IN OTHER WORDS,
MY MINIMUM GOAL
IS TO WIN TWICE
AND GET IN THE
TOP 16, BUT...

ONLY THE TOP 16
FROM THIS TOURNAM-
ENT QUALIFY FOR
THE ALL-JAPAN
JUNIOR.

A TOURNAMENT
BETWEEN THE TOP
64 PLAYERS OF THE
7 PREFECTURES
AND ONE METRO-
POLIS IN THE
KANTO AREA.

関東ジュニア学生大会 18歳以下男子

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1ST SEED IS
NABAE-KUN.

2ND SEED
IS THE CHIBA
CHAMPION,
OKADA-KUN.

3RD SEED IS
US, KAWAGUCHI'S
ARMY-KUN.

...AND SO ON.
IT'S ALL PRETTY
MUCH AS YOU'D
EXPECT. BUT...



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THAT'S PRECISELY WHY I SAID "YOU NEED TO WIN KANAGAWA" BEFORE YOUR MATCH AGAINST ARAKI.

IT'S PRETTY TOUGH, RIGHT?



ARAKI WILL BE AGAINST THE 5TH SEED, IDE, IN THE 2ND ROUND MATCH WHICH WILL DECIDE YOUR FATE WITH THE NATIONALS.

IDE-KIM... HE WAS IN THE BEST 8 FOR ALL-JAPAN INDOOR SELECTIONALS...



FOR THIS YEAR'S GASTARU JUNIOR, WHICH IS WHY HE'S ONLY IN 5TH SEED.

APPARENTLY IDE WILL SQUAT WITH BEST 8.

NORMALLY, HE'S RANKED HIGHER.



BUT THE SEEDING FOR KANTO JUNIOR IS BASED ON THE RANKINGS.

BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MATCH RECORDS, YOU WERE ONLY IN 5TH FOR KANTO, SO YOU COULDN'T GET SEEDED.

OF COURSE, YOUR SKILLS ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR GETTING SEEDED, SINCE YOU WERE RANKED-UP FOR KANAGAWA.





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HE MIGHT BE
NO. 1 IN JAPAN
ALREADY IN TERMS
OF SPEED ALONE.



WOW—
ESAKA-KUN'S
SERVE IS SO
AMAZING, NO
MATTER HOW
MANY TIMES I
WATCH

HE MIGHT
BE THE ONE
WHO'LL BE
FIGHTING IN
THE WORLD
STAGE FOL-
LOWING THE
SOUJI

THERE
AREN'T MANY
JAPANESE
THAT ARE
WHO CAN
MOVE LIKE
HIM



THEY GET
FASTER AFTER
BOUNCING, JUST
LIKE FIE-KUN!!

THE QUALITY OF
HIS SHOTS IS AT
A COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT LEVEL
COMPARED TO A
FEW MONTHS
AGO...!!



DON'T GIVE
HIM BRACE TO
GET TO THE
NET USING
CHANGE-OF-
PACE!!

I CAN'T LET
TAKUMA-SAN
MOVE UP SO
EASILY!



BUT...
I CAN
SOMEHOW
RETURN
THEM!!







30 - 15.

YES!



BUT IF IT'S
AT THIS LEVEL,
IF THE SHOTS
DIVERGE FROM
THE IDEAL SET-
TING, EVEN BY
A LITTLE...



WHILE CHOOSING
THE SHOTS THAT ARE
BEST SUITED FOR
THE MOMENT, YOU
HAVE TO MAKE SURE
THEY ALL EVENTU-
ALLY LEAD TO A SET
OF FINISHING
SHOTS...



THE BASIS OF
CHANGE-OF-
PACE IS HOW
WELL CAN YOU
PREVENT YOUR
OPPONENT
FROM HITTING
AT HIS FACE.

WHILE STILL ATTACK-
ING AGGRESSIVELY
AT YOUR OWN PACE
USING A VARIETY OF
SHOTS.



HE'S AN
UNFAMILIAR
FACE. IS HE
FROM STC?

OGAWA-KUN'S
OPPONENT IS
PRETTY GOOD
TOO.



JUST TWO
YEARS... WITH
THAT?

RGH~

HE'S OUR
RISING STAR
WHO'S ONLY
BEEN PLAYING
TENNIS FOR
TWO YEARS.

AND HIS
SHOTS ARE
SURPRISINGLY
RICH IN VARIETY
AND REALLY AC-
CURATE.

NOT ONLY IS
HE RETURNING
OGAWA-KUN'S
SHOTS, HE'S
GOING FOR
THE POINTS,
TOO!





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#134 EXPEDITION



ONCE HE HIT
THE ONE WEEK
MARK TILL KAWATO
JUNIOR.

NEXT!





I WAS RE-
CORDING IT
CALING ANY
POWER WAS
GETTING B.D
DURING THIS
TIME.

Barry, (Not it bar)



THIS IS
THE VIDEO
OF ANKI'S
FIRST OP-
PONENT.

HERE
IT IS!



DESPITE HIS SIZE,
HE'S A BASELINER
WHO HITS SOME
PRETTY POWERFUL
SHOTS.

HIS MAIN
WEAPONS ARE HIS
SERVES AND HIS
FORSHAND FLAT.
HE WAS USING
THE SLICE A LOT
FOR BACKHANDS.

YASUKE
TAKAHARA,
TOKYO JUNIOR
BEST 8, AND,
KANTO JUNIOR
RANKING IS
36TH, 3RD
YEAR IN HIGH
SCHOOL.



ARE FOR-
HAND AND
SERVES ARE
CERTAINLY
NICE...

IT'S FAIRLY
CLOSE TO
ANKI'S
STYLE.



JUST SO
YOU KNOW, I
DON'T TOTALLY
OWNED, NO
PLUS-HE DON'T
LOOK IT AS
TOO MUCH.

IS -
LOVE.



THERE'S NO
HARM IN HAVING
MORE DATA ON
MY OPPONENT.

YEAH, BUT
I'LL WATCH
AS MUCH
AS I CAN JUST IN
CASE.

FOOTAGE OF
YOUR POTENTIAL
END ROUND OP-
PONENT, ONE,
SHOULD BE
SOMEWHERE IN
THE CLUB.

AND ACTU-
ALLY GAIN
SOME PLAY A
COUPLE
TIMES TOO,
RIGHT?



I'VE PLAYED A
SIMILAR STYLE
BEFORE, AND
I'M HOPING UP
IN RANK...

IF I KNOW HIS
FAVORITE SWORD,
I CAN GUESS
THE PACE
PRETTY EASILY,
AND IT'D BE
EASY TO PREDI-
CT HIS MOVES.



EVEN THOUGH
HE WAS BEST 8
IN THE ALL-JAPAN
JUNIOR INDOOR
SELECTIONALS.

HE STOPPED
AT BEST 8 IN
THE SAITAMA
JUNIOR...

IDE
YOSHIAKI
...







FLAMEBROTHER, FLYING CARDS





WE'LL
DEFINITELY
GO CHEER
FOR YOU!

SCHOOL
LET OUT FOR
SUMMER VA-
CATION.



AND IF I SURVIVE
THROUGH, THE
ALL-JAPAN JUNIOR
IS RIGHT AFTER IN
MID-AUGUST.

KAWO
JUNIOR'S AT
THE END OF
JULY.



WITH THIS
SUMMER, MY
FUTURE PATH WILL
BE DECIDED.



THEN,
LET'S GO!

OH, Y
EVERYONE,
YOU PACKED
ALL YOUR
STUFF,
RIGHT?



THE DAY
BEFORE KANTO
JUNCH THREE
COMPETITION



EVEN IF IT'S
AN EXPEDITION
MATCH,
IT'S STILL
CHIBA.

WHAT'S THE
GUY WHO WENT
ALL THE WAY
TO FLORIDA SO
WORRIED?



WOW... IT'S MY
FIRST TIME GOING
FOR A MATCH
OVERNIGHT.



NOT BEING AF-
FECTED BY THE
ENVIRONMENT
ISNT ENOUGH.
YOU GOTTA BE
ABLE TO PUT IT
TO YOUR FAVOR!

MASTER AND
TAKUMA-SAN'S
ARE ALL OVER
THE WORLD.

SINCE YOU'LL DEFIN-
ITELY GET A LOT
MORE EXPEDITION
MATCHES ONCE YOU
BECOME A PRO,
YOU NEED TO GET
USED TO IT.



EH-
GAWLL
BE FINE.

YOU CAME
BACK LIKE IT'S
NOTHING, EVEN
THOUGH FLORIDA
WAS YOUR FIRST
TAP OVERSEAS.



...BUT
DIDNT IT
EXCITE YOU?
IT'S LIKE VA-
CATION.

EYES
ON THE
ROAD!



NO WAY!

YUP YUP.
HE'S ACTU-
ALLY PRETTY
SLOW.



HE'S RIGHT.
AND CAN BE
PRETTY DULL AT
TIMES DESPITE HIS
SENSITIVE PER-
SONALITY.

I WAS SO
WORRIED
BACK THEN.



















OR DO YOU
NOT WANNA
SEE IT?



O-OF
COURSE
NOT! I'D
LOVE TO
SEE!



LET'S GO
THEN!

IT'S PRETTY
CLOSE, SO
DON'T WORRY.

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#135 NEVERENDING MOMENT



YOU'LL
KNOW SOON
ENOUGH~

WHAT DO
YOU WANT
SHOW ME?



BUT... I'LL
PROBABLY BE
REVIEWING MY
NOTES FOR
TOMORROW.



BUT LET'S
SEE...

I DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING IN
PARTICULAR
PLANNED.

BY THE
WAY, WERE
YOU PLAN-
NING TO DO
SOMETHING,
BI-CHAN?



AND IT
DIDN'T FEEL
RIGHT TO BE
DOING NOTH-
ING WHEN I
HAVE A MATCH
TOMORROW.

OF COURSE,
BUT I OB-
TAINLY CAN'T
FALL ASLEEP
AT EIGHT.



BUT YOU
DON'T FEEL
UNPREPARED,
RIGHT?



IS REALLY IM-
PORTANT, ESPE-
CIALLY ONCE YOU
BECOME A PRO
AND HAVE LOT
OF EXPEDITIONS.

AND HE SAID
BEING ABLE
TO "EFFEC-
TIVELY USE
YOUR SPARE
TIME"

RIGHT?
I TOTALLY
UNDERSTAND.

I TALKED
ABOUT THIS
WITH COACH
ACR BEFORE.



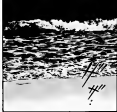
THAT'S WHY IT'S
GOOD TO HAVE YOUR
OWN WAY OF SPEND-
ING TIME THAT'S RE-
LAXING, BUT KEEPS
YOU FOCUSED AT
THE GAME TIME.

IT'S NOT GOOD
TO BE THINKING
TOO MUCH RIGHT
BEFORE THE
MATCH, RIGHT?

BUT YOU
CAN'T BE
STARING AT
NOTHING,
EITHER.



AH!!
 IT'S THE
 BEACH!



ALL THERE'S
A BUNCH OF
PEOPLE, BUT
THEY ALL SEEM
LIKE TENNIS
PLAYERS!



THIS PLACE
IS GREAT!
THERE WAS
A BEACH SO
CLOSE BY!







**A CHANCE
FOR ME TO
CONFESS?!**



**AND
TODAY'S
THE DAY
BEFORE
YOUR
MATCH!**



**NO, NO, NO. YOU
SHOULD FOLLOW
A DETAILED PLAN
FOR SOMETHING
IMPORTANT LIKE THIS.**



**YEAH! DO IT
NOW! GO WITH
THE FLOW! GO
GO GO!!**



**THEN, CONSIDER THIS. CAN
YOU REALLY SAY YOU WON'T
REGRET TODAY'S CONFESSION
IF YOU LOSE IN KANTO AND
ONLY NAGCHAN MANAGES TO
BECOME A PRO?**



**NO, NOT REMEM-
BER, NAGCHAN
BROUGHT YOU
HERE TO HELP
YOU RELAX!**

**IT'S NOT
A MATTER
OF WHEN'S
GOOD, AND
WHEN'S BAD!**





I WANT
TO RETURN
THE FAVOR,
TOO.



GEEZ,
YOU'RE
EMBARRASSING
ME~



ALL THAT'D
BE GREAT.

I'LL
BE YOUR
PRACTICE
PARTNER
ANYTIME!

SO TELL
ME ANYTHING
YOU NEED.



GO OUT
WITH ME.

THEN ..



WHAT?



OH IF IT'S
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT,
I'LL....



HEH?



BHHHH?/
G-GO OUT?
WAIT... LMA...
YOU MEAN...



IT'S
NOT A
JOKE--

BH? BHH?
W-WHY...
WHAT DID...
YOU'RE
JOKING!



CAUSE BI-CHAN WAS TRYING TO CONFESS LAST TIME, RIGHT? ALTHOUGH IT WAS ONLY UP TO "L".

THEN WHY'RE YOU OKAY NOW?

T-THAT'S TRUE, BUT I ONLY SAID IT UP TO "L".

THAT WAS BE-CAUSE YOU WERE ASKING FOR MY FEELINGS ONLY WITHOUT SHARING YOURS.

AND YOU SAID "IT'S NOT FAIR" BEFORE, SO I DECIDED...

I WANT TO SAY IT CLEARLY!

CHRON- WHO CARES ABOUT WORDS AS LONG AS THEY GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS?

THAT WAS ENOUGH FOR ME

EH?

AH...

THEN... WHY DON'T YOU SAY IT ONE MORE TIME?







WOW,
I FEEL
LIKE I'M
GROWING UP!



THAT'S WHY
SEEING BI-CHAN
WIN MAKES ME
HAPPY, CAUSE IT
FEELS LIKE IT'S
MINE.

AND THAT
ALWAYS
HELPS ME
CHEER UP.



THEN,
SEE YA
TOMOR-
ROW!





*ALL RIGHT...
I'LL GO MY BEST
TOMORROW.*

12 HOURS LEFT
TILL START OF
KANTO JUNIOR,
1ST ROUND.



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連載3周年記念!! 大人気!! センターカラー!!

同じ目線で
同じ気持ちで
同じ場所に向かって

Baby Steps

ベビーステップ

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第14巻は
10月15日(金)
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“HIGH EXPECTATIONS ON FIRST MATCH”

勝木 光
Katsuki Hikaru

Baby Steps



6:30
WAKE UP



6:55
BREAKFAST

6:55



KANTO JUNIOR
TENNIS COMPETITION, DAY 1



AA...
MORN-
ING!

Blush...



MORNING-
BI-CHAN!

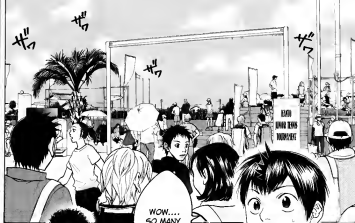


SOME-
THING IS
GOING ON...



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1. AND
YOUNGER
BROS. NO.
50 AMBROSIO
RICHARD.

FINISH
REGISTERING
BEFORE 7:30.



7:30: POST
WARM-UP
JOG.



GET TO THE
COURT AT LEAST
10 MINUTES
BEFORE THE
MATCH.

NOTEBOOKS,
DENNIS,
TOWEL, ETC.

PACK ALL
THE NECESSARY
EQUIPMENT AND



A BASELINE BOLD
LOSER AND DERIVE
AND FOLLOWS
FLAT SHOT AS HIS
FROM AGATO.

MY FIRST
OPPONENT,
RICHARD TACHIBANA,
FROM TOKYO
JUDO'S BEST & BEST
IN AGATO.





IF THERE
WAS AN
EXCEP-
TION...

SO FAR
IT'S BEEN
ALL AC-
CORDING
TO PLAN



FIRST, SINCE
HIS BACKGRO-
UND IS THE
EASIEST TO
READ,

I'LL START
ATTACKING
FROM THERE!



GO OUT
WITH ME



HELLO.



BUT FIRST, I'VE
GONE AWAY AND
LEFT MY
REPORTER. SO I'VE
GOT TO BRUSH
BACK!

IF I CONSIDER IT
AS REVEALING ONE
OF MY STRATEGIES,
IT'S A GOOD
FACTORY!



IT'S JUST THAT
IF I HADN'T A
BIT BACKED, IT
WOULDN'T COM-
PLETELY UNEX-
PECTED!

AND I WAS
PLANNING
TO CONFESS
EVENTUALLY
ANYWAY!









MAKE USE OF
THE DATA I GAVE,
AND JUST PLAY
HOW I PLAY.



THERE'S NO
REASON TO BE
NERVOUS FROM
THE START.
JUST BECAUSE
THINGS AREN'T
AS EXPECTED.



FAST!!

IT'S NOT
JUST HIS
HEIGHT, HE'S
GOT POWER,
TOO.







MAYBE I
SHOULD START
OFF WITH A
CLEAN SWEEP
FIRST?

WAIT A SEC...
THERE ARE WAY
TOO MANY SUR-
PRISES RIGHT
NOW.



HE NOT ONLY
POWERED UP
FROM GETTING
TALLER, BUT HE'S
NO LONGER A
SCHOOLBOY?

OR WAS
THAT JUST
A SURPRISE
ATTACK?



17"
14"

AND
FORWARD
AGAIN!



HE DIDN'T
HAVE A SPIN
SERVE LIKE
THIS, TOO...



AS I THOUGHT...
YAKABE-KUN'S
TAKEN ADVANTAGE
OF HIS SUDDEN
GROWTH IN HEIGHT
TO SWITCH TO A
SERVE & VOLLEY
STYLE.



CRAP. SIMPLY
BEING DIFFER-
ENT FROM MY
EXPECTATIONS
IS MAKING ME
REACT
SLOWER.

30 - LOVE.



FIRST, GET
RID OF THE
DATA FROM
THE VIDEO
AS MUCH
AS POS-
SIBLE...

CALM DOWN...
THIS IS MY
OPPONENT'S
SERVE. IT'S
NOT TIME TO
GET ANXIOUS
YET.



Phew



SINCE HE
ADDED A SPIN
SERVE, THE
FLAT SERVE
FEELS A LOT
STRONGER...

20 Points
Takeshi

20 Points
Takeshi

THAT'S BECAUSE
HE DOESN'T
HAVE MUCH
EXPERIENCE
WITH THE TOP-
SPIN HIT.

BECAUSE HE
LACKS CON-
FIDENCE?

BUT... WHEN
HE'S CON-
FIDENT, HE
ONLY NEEDS A
SLICE FOR
HIS BACK-
HAND...



AND
DON'T
LET HIM
BREAK!!

JUST
MAINTAIN
A HIGH
ACCURACY
ON MY
SERVES.

20 METER
SERVES

20 METER
SERVES



WHEN
HE'S GET-
TING UP FOR
A VOLLEY, HE
TENDS TO
RELY ON HIS
FOREHAND
FLAT SHOT.

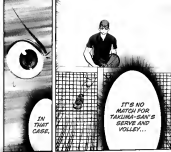
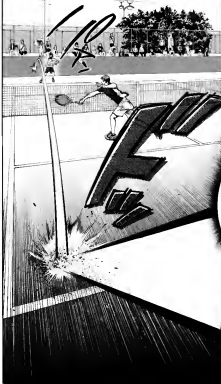


THAT IS ALSO
PROOF THAT
HE'S NOT
USED TO IT

HIS VOLLEYS
AREN'T BAD, BUT
HIS STANCE IS
TIGHT, AND
FEELS UNCOM-
FORTABLE



BUT THAT
FOREHAND
ISN'T TOO
DIFFERENT
FROM WHAT
I'VE SEEN
ON VIDEO.





ALL THAT'S
LEFT IS HOW
I'LL BREAK
THOSE APART.

BACKHAND SLICE AND
FOREHAND VOLLEY...
I'M STARTING TO
NARROW DOWN MY
TARGET...



I'LL GO
ALL IN!!

OKAY...
FROM HERE
ON,

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I'VE NAR-
ROWED DOWN
MY TARGET...

20 Yohan
Tadonari

30 Haruo
Kichiro

BACKHAND
SLICE AND
FOREHAND
VOLLEY...



TAKE
THIS...



#137 CHANGE OF PACE







HERE IT
COMES...
BRING IT
VOLLEY!!



HE IS OBVIOUSLY A BRIGHT
GUY, AND HE IS
NOT USED TO
PLAYING AT THIS
NET.

THE JUMP AND
DASH BECAUSE
HE IS PUTTING
TOO MUCH
STRESS ON
HIS SHOULDER.



WITH THAT
FORM...



YOU CAN'T
RETURN IF I
AM FOR
YOUR BODY!



UP....!!







I'M PRETTY
MUCH DONE
REWRITING THE
DATA THANKS
TO THE PAST
SEVEN GAMES.

DUE TO
THIS SUDDEN
CHANGE,
THERE ARE A
COUPLE OF
WEAKNESSES
THAT HE
COULDN'T
COVER.

カキカキ
カキカキ
カキカキ



I WAS NERVOUS
BECAUSE HE
SWITCHED TO A
TOTALLY DIFFER-
ENT STYLE AND
BODY IN JUST
ONE YEAR, BUT



NOW
BEFORE
THEY JO-
COVERED
MY COURT
AND PLAY



I WON'T
LOSE IF IT'S
A FOREHAND
BATTLE!











FASTEST
SERVE AT
THIS STAGE
MEANS....



HE'S
GOT
SPEED
TOO!

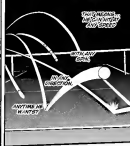


YOU HAVE
THAT SORT
OF SHOT
TOO!

GAME,
MARIO
2 - 0.



THAT'S THE
KICK OF
IT!





NO WAY...
THERE'S NO WAY
THAT'S TRUE...



TO
WIN
AGAINST
ME?

IF THAT'S
TRUE...
DON'T
THAT MEAN
HE ALREADY
HAS A TON
OF RETA-
GERS...



BUT...



COUNT:
6 - 3,
6 - 0!!

GAME, SET,
AND MATCH,
WON BY
MARIO.







YES. I DON'T
FEEL THAT
TIRED EITHER.

LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE IN
GOOD CONDI-
TION.

THAT'S
GOOD.
THIS IS
IT.



AH...
AOKI-SAN.

YO, GOOD
WORK.



TOMORROW'S
IDE YOSHIAKI
WILL BE QUITE
AN OPPONENT

(5ナト陸島TC)	6-4, 6-4	
(江大附高)	望月 結衣	
(ST)	6-4, 6-1	
(東高)	Maru Etsuya	
(C)	6-3, 6-0	
(究センター)	Ide Yoshiaki	
(高)	6-1, 6-2	

...YES!

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GAME, SET
AND MATCH,
WON BY
TAKASAKI.

COUNT:
6-1
6-0

オオファ

#132 MAN WHO BRINGS A STORM







Ido Yoshiaki vs
Matsuda Takahiro.
6-1 6-2

Nabee Yu vs
Yamashita Shinobu.
6-1 6-1

Araya Hiroshi vs
Baba Tetsuro.
6-2 6-0

Mogami Norihiko vs
Abe Makoto.
6-3 6-1.

Okada Takayuki vs
Shima Kouzou.
6-0 6-1



THE FIRST DAY OF
THE COMPETITION
CAME TO A CLOSE
WITH ALL THE DESIRED
PLAYERS ADVANCING
FORWARD WITHOUT
ANY UPSETS.



YUP SINCE
YESTERDAY.

OH...?
HA...
YES...

WHATTY?

YOU TWO
STARTED
GOING
OUT?



YESTERDAY
AAAAH, YOU
MEAN THAT
FOREST?

WAIT... SO YOU
GUYS INTENT
GOING OUT TILL
NOW?

ABOUT
TIME--

WOW
BULLLY?
CONGRATS--



B-BUT...
IT'S RIGHT
BEFORE
THE 100
ROUND!!
THAT'S
...

CALM,
THAT'S SO
GOOD, WELL
JOYFUL

Stay in line for
next, please



KATO
JUNIOR TENNIS
COMPETITION,
DAY TWO





NO, ACTUALLY... KAO-CHAN AND I DECIDED TO GO OUT...

WAIT, TUNGGAH-PUN...



WELL, TUNGGAH IS MY ONLY LOVE, SO I'M TOTALLY FINE WITH IT...



I WAS PLANNING TO TELL YOU ONCE THE MATCH WAS OVER...

...



SORRY, KAO-CHAN. I CAN'T BE CELEBRATING HERE...



S-SORRY, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR WARM-UP, SO... LITTLE CRASH?



IT'S YOSHIMAKI-KUN...

AN OPPONENT THAT MADE
NARAS-KUN
SAINT-LIKE
TO A TOTAL
GODS-GRANT

ALTHOUGH HE
HAS HIS UPS
AND DOWNS,
HE'S A PLAYER
AS ACCOM-
PLISHED AS
ARAYA-KUN.

ALL-JAPAN
JUNIOR INDOOR
SELECTIONALS
TOP 8

BUT IF I LOSE
HERE... I'LL
HAVE TO GIVE UP
ON BEING A PRO.

OF COURSE,
HE'S NOT AN
OPPONENT I
CAN BEAT
EASILY...

...I'VE
GOT MY
RESOLVE
...!!

OKAY...
5 MINUTES
BEFORE THE
MATCH!

LET'S
GO!!

KAGEYAMA
WHAT'S
WRONG? MY
MATCH IS ABOUT TO
START

HMM?

EI-CHAN
EI-CHAN
EI-CHAN!!



HE'LL
BE BACK
SOON!!



NO WAY..
I-IS HE
OKAY?

WHA. THE
PERSON IN
QUESTION
HAVN'T INJURED
AT ALL..



YOUR OPPO-
NENT, I'DE
STILL HAVN'T
HERE.

WHAT?!

APPARENTLY
THERE WAS A
CAR ACCIDENT IN
FRONT OF HIM
DURING HIS
WARM UP...



IT SEEMS THAT
HE WON'T BE
ABLE TO MAKE
IT TO THE
MATCH ON
TIME.

BUT AP-
PARENTLY
HE WENT
TO THE
HOSPITAL
WITH THE
KID,
AND HE'S
TALKING WITH
THE POLICE
ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED. I
DON'T KNOW THE
DETAILS, BUT



HE TEXTED ME
SAYING HE'LL
GET HERE IN
20... NO, 30
MINUTES...

THINK
ABOUT
IT!

THEY SAID'S
AND WITH
JUST MORE
DISTANCE.

HE JUST
CAME OUT
OF THE
HOSPITAL,
AND IS ON
HIS WAY
RIGHT NOW.

THAT'S WHY
HIS FRIENDS
ARE ASKING
THE REFEREES
IF THEY COULD
MOVE UP THE
TIME.





SEE, WHAT
A FOOL HE
COULD'VE BEEN
DISQUALIFIED IF
THINGS HAD
GONE BAD

IT'S A GOOD THAT
HE OPENED HIS
EYES



THANK GOD
YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO PLAY
HIS MATCH



WELL,
THAT'S THE
KIND OF A
GUY HE IS

HE WAS SAYING
"I'M FINE EVEN IF I
GET DISQUALIFIED"
OVER THE PHONE

EVEN THOUGH HE'S
NEVER WORKING SO
HARD SAYING "I'M
MY LAST MATCH-
ALSO".... HOW COULD
HE ABANDON ALL
THAT FOR SOME
STRANGER?



Man, there's
we'll get you
two hospital
right away!

Man, that's
gross hurt.

APPARENTLY HE
SEEMED WORSE
HURT THAN THE
INJURED KID.

Shishishi

I CAN
TOTALLY
PICTURE
THAT!



IT'S NOT AN
EASY THING
TO DO.

NO WONDER
HE'S GOT
SUCH GOOD
FRIENDS



HE'S GOT
SOMETHING
TO PRO-
TECT A HURT
STRANGER
OVER AN
IMPORTANT
MATCH.



SOMETHING
HAPPENS AND
TURNS INTO A
BIG ISSUE. IN
THE END, HE
ALWAYS ENDS
UP AS THE
HERO.



JESUS... WHY DO
THINGS ALWAYS
TURN OUT LIKE
THIS FOR HIM?

ALL
CRASH-
BURN.





IT MIGHT TURN
OUT TO BE A
VERY DIFFERENT
MATCH FROM
WHAT MARUJO'S
USED TO

IN THAT
CASE, THIS
MATCH IS
GOING TO BE
HARD TO
PREDICT.



AREN'T
THERE TOO
MANY PEOPLE
FAT THIS
COURT?



I HEARD IDE'S
STRONG LINEER
FUNDAMENTAL, AND
HE SHOULD BE
GUNS USED TO
LARGE CROWDS

IN TERMS OF
SKILLS ALONE, I
THINK MARUJO'S
ON THE SAME
LEVEL AS IDE, BUT



HMM, THIS
DOESN'T FEEL
GOOD.

ARE YOU SAYING
THAT MOST OF
THESE PEOPLE ARE
HERE TO CHEER FOR
THE OTHER SUE?

HE ALSO SEEMS
TO HAVE A FIRM
NUMBER OF FANS,
TOO.

THERE MIGHT
BE PEOPLE WHO
CAME TO WATCH
AFTER HEARING
ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENED TO IDE.



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HEYMAN!
THAT'S GREAT.
YOU CAN GET TO
YOUR MATCH
NOW.

BUT HE WAS
CARRYING HIM
TO GET TELL HIS
FIGHTING GOAL,
AND POLICE WAS
THINKING SO LONG.
HAI...

THAT
COUNTRIES

HE HAD SOME
MINOR PRAC-
TICES, BUT IT
SEEMS LIKE
HE'LL BE FINE.

YUP.

THE
KID'S FINE,
RIGHT?



**DEFINITELY
WIN!**



WELL,
TO HAVE
FOUNDED
SOMETHING
OUT IF THAT
HAPPENED ..

YEAH,
EVEN THOUGH
YOU WORKED SO
HARD YOU WERE SO
CLOSE TO GETTING
DISQUALIFIED, YOU
KNOW?

STUPIDITY



I TOLD
YA, I'M
SORRY...

C'MON!
IT'S FINE,
SO GO!



SURE!

**HE'S
HEEEEE
EERE!!**











REALLY?
IT WAS ACTU-
ALLY QUITE A
HASSLE, YOU
KNOW?

DON'T
BOTHER. I
HEARD WHAT
HAPPENED
ANYWAY.

I'LL
NEVER
FORGET
THIS DEBT,
OKAY?



BUT
THANKS TO
EVERYONE, IT
ALL WORKED
OUT.

AND I'M SURE
THAT GETTING TO
PLAY LIKE THIS IS
SOME SORT OF
PATE



LET'S HAVE
THE BEST MATCH
OF OUR LIVES!!



AND NOW, WE'LL
START THE 2ND
ROUND OF THE
KANTO JUNIOR
TENNIS COMPE-
TITION.



THREE SET
MATCH, IDE'S
SERVE!



*I WANT TO
WIN THIS KIND
OF MATCH!!*



*BUT I WON'T
LOSE JUST
CAUSE IT'S
JDS-KUN.*



*THAT'S
RIGHT.*

*"LET'S PLAY
THE BEST
MATCH OF
OUR LIVES"
ASH...*

*SO I WON'T
HAVE ANY
REGRETS.*

*BECAUSE THIS
MIGHT END UP
BEING THE LAST
BATTLE IN WHICH
I CAN GIVE IT MY
ALL...*







YES!
EI-CHAN, NICE
RETURN!



0 - 15.

GOPE...



HEY GUYS,
WHY DON'T
WE SPEAK
UP A BIT?

LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE NOT
FEELING TOO
PRESSURED

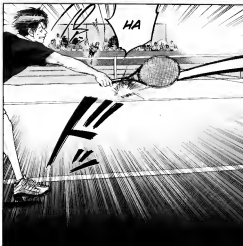


AH...



TAKE HIM DOWN
AS QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE, AND
DON'T LET HIM
CREATE A HEATED
ATMOSPHERE!

I'VE GOT TO
TAKE THE FIRST
LEAD AGAINST
THE-KUN!







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IDE—
TAKE
THE
LEAD!!



#140: TRUE INTENTION















DON'T
WORRY,
IDE!

THAT
SERVE
WAS
GOOD!



15 - 40



IN AN
IMPORTANT FIRST
SERVICE GAME...
WHAT IS HE
THINKING?

EVEN THOUGH IT
WAS A SECOND
SERVE, A FLAT...
AND GOING FOR
SERVE & VOLLEY,
TOOT!

He's supposed to
be an all-rounder



BUT HER
HANDS
ACTUALLY
FORM A
CONCRETE
MEANING
AS THE
MATCH
GOES ON.

IT LOOKS
LIKE SHE'S
PLAYING
BASED ON A
MOMENTARY
WHIM...



THIS FEEL-
ING OF THE
UNKNOWN...

IT'S JUST
LIKE WHEN
I PLAYED
NAGAHAN.



IF IDE-KUN
PLEADS ON
INSTINCT
JUST LIKE
NAGASHI...



TRY TO
FIGURE
OUT WHAT
IDE-KUN'S
GOING FOR
TODAY.



BUTTER
TAKEN BEING
TRICKED
MUCH ON
DATA OR
COMMON
SENSE.

IT'S BE
BETTER TO
FOCUS ON MY
IMPRESSIONS
I GET FROM
WATCHING HIM.

ALTHOUGH
IDE IS MY
SUSPECT,
LET'S NOT
TAKE TOO
GREAT OF A
RISK, AND



HERE,
COME AT
ME...





ANOTHER
SERVICE
ACE?



WAIT A
SEC...?



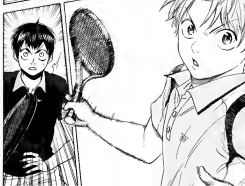
WITHOUT
CONSIDER-
ING THE
RISK FOR
EVEN A
SECOND...

DON'T TELL
ME HE'S
TRYING
TO FINISH
ALL THE
BALLS IN
ONE SHOT



HE'S
TRYING TO
BE "AS AG-
GRESSIVE
AS POSSI-
BLE".

IN THAT
SENSE, IT
COULD JUST
BE THAT













BUT IT'S
PRETTY HARD
TO PLAY WITH
THEM GATHERING
ONLY FOR MY
OPPONENT.

JUST HAVING A
LARGE CROWD
IS ALREADY A
BOYER.



TURN IT
AROUND!

IDEN
BREAK
BACK!!



I HONESTLY
HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT HE'S
THINKING,
BUT...



STILL...
NO MATTER
HOW HIGH
SPEEDS
ARE GOTTEN
FROM THOSE
CHEERS,

IT DOESN'T MAKE
IT EASY TO LOSE
YOUR FIRST SER-
VICE GAME!



I'LL SAFELY KEEP
MY GAME USING
THE BEST METHOD
AGAINST IT.

IF HE'S GOING
TO ONLY BET
ON ONE HIT
KILL.



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IS IT BECAUSE
OF THE GROUND
CHANGE FROM
THE LAST SPIN
SERVET?

HE DIDN'T
HAVE SUCH
A SERVE
LAST
YEAR...



SO
FAST...



BUT THAT GUY
IS A HIGH
RANKED PLAYER
EVEN IN THE
NATIONALS.



IT
FEELS LIKE
EI-CHAN'S
GOTTEN EVEN
STRONGER!

Feels so stable



YEAH IN TERMS
OF SKILL, HE'S
DEFINITELY AT A
LEVEL WHERE HE
CAN FIGHT ON
THE NATIONAL
STAGE.







KEEP!!

**GAME
MARIO.
2 - 0.**

YES!

VS MARIO BROS

2
0
0

VS SHI YOSHINO

*BUT
THAT DOESN'T
MEAN I EXPECT IT
TO KEEP GOING
LIKE THIS.*

*THERE'S
NO NEED TO
CHANGE ANY-
THING AS LONG
AS I'M ABLE TO
BOOGEY*

*I CAN
KEEP ON
GOING!!*

*IN ORDER TO
BE ABLE TO
DEAL WITH ANY-
THING THAT
HAPPENS, I'VE
GOT TO KEEP
ON MOVING
THROUGH AS
FAR AS I CAN.*







INCREDIBLE
RETURN
ACE!!

SERIOUSLY!!

0 - 15



THAT'S THE
BORINGLY
GOOD PART
ABOUT HIM



SINCE MARILO
MAKES SURE TO
REMEMBER ALL
THE POINTS, IT'S
HARD FOR GAME
ATTACKS TO
WORK ON
HIM.

HE USED
THAT FLAT ON
THE SECOND
SERVE LAST
TIME.



IT'S WAY
TOO DIFFERENT
FROM THE IMAGE
I GOT WHEN HE
PLAYED NABAI...

RETURNING
THAT WITH
AN ACE...
THAT'S
REAL BAD.



WHAT
SHOULD I
DO?



OMG
OOOPS...



15
SEC-
ONDS.



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WE
STARTED
WRITING
STUFF IN
HIS NOTE-
BOOK...

HMM...
INTEREST-
ING.



WITH THIS, I
MIGHT HAVE
GOTTEN QUITE
AN EDGE THIS
FIRST SET...

prince



MAYBE I
SHOULD GO
FOR TIGHTER
SAITS AND
CHANGE UP
THE FACE
MORE...



SLURP

SLURP



"SLURP" IS A
"COMFORT"...

IF
I PUT A
"SLURP" WITH A
"COMFORT" THEN...



SINCE
THE FIRST
SET, I
WAS GOING
EASY
ON THE
ONE-IT
ALL
GAMES
THE
RALLIES
HAVE
BEEN
LONGER.

AT THE SAME
TIME, IT'S BEEN
RARE FOR ME
TO FINISH WITH
AN ACE.











TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 12

WE ARE CURRENTLY STAYING AT A HOTEL, BUT...

GOOD EVENING, THIS IS KOURAMA AGENCY.
 (The number isn't the right number)

IS ACTING VERY WEIRD.

MY ROOMMATE WHO JUST CAME BACK FROM THE BEACH APPARENTLY

WOW! SHE'S BECOMING ABBY GRADUATE BEING.

HAPPY-♡ LUCKY-♡ SUPERFANTASTIC-♡
 SUMMER IS MY SEASON!

I'M JUST GLAD I'M NOT UP AGAINST HER TOMORROW.

OHAYO, LET'S GO MY BEST TOMORROW-
 ANYWAY

AUTHOR'S NOTE

HELLO EVERYONE, THIS IS RATSUR.

WE'VE ALREADY AT VOLUME 18, AND THE SERIALIZATION REACHED ITS 182 YEAR WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. TIME MOVING SO FAST.

(SINCE THREE YEARS HAVE PASTED, EICHAN AND THE OTHERS HAVE ALL UNDERGONE A COUPLE OF TRANSFORMATIONS.

BUT IT'S LIKE TO BELIEVE I'VE GROWN A LOT MENTALLY.

THEN SEE YOU NEXT VOLUME!

Play Glove

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